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SUBJECT: GHANAIAAN REACTION TO FRENCH INITIATIVE ON
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REFS: A) ACCRA 5128 (NOTAL)
B) STATE 163237
C) STATE 163232

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. CHARGE MET MORNING OF JUNE 20 WITH AMBASSADOR JAMES
AMISSAH, SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT RAWLINGS, FOR THE
PURPOSE OF RESPONDING TO JUNE 17 REQUEST FOR U.S.
REACTION TO FRENCH PROPOSAL TO SEND TROOPS TO RWANDA
(REF A). DRAWING ON GUIDANCE CONTAINED REFS B AND C,

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: ARCHIE M BOLSTER
CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL REASON: 1.4(B), 1.4(D)
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CHARGE SAID THAT THE U.S. DESIRED AN END TO THE SENSELESS KILLING IN RWANDA AND UNDERSTOOD THE NEED TO INTERVENE QUICKLY. WE THEREFORE SUPPORTED THE FRENCH INITIATIVE, WHICH WE SAW AS PART OF A MULTILATERAL EFFORT. WE ALSO LOOKED FOR FRANCE TO COORDINATE ITS EFFORTS WITH OTHERS INCLUDING AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

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3. AMISSAH SAID THAT SUBSEQUENT TO FRENCH ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITS INTENT TO INTERVENE IN RWANDA, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AMISSAH SAID HE AGREED WITH THE U.S. POSITION THAT THE FIRST IMPERATIVE WAS TO STOP THE KILLING AND WITH THAT IN MIND HAD CAUTIONED THE FRENCH THAT THEY COULD NOT BE SEEN AS TAKING SIDES IN THE CONFLICT. THE GOG HAD URGED THAT FRENCH POLICYMAKERS MAKE THEIR NEUTRALITY EXPLICIT THROUGH

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PUBLIC STATEMENTS ABOUT THEIR INTENTIONS. FRENCH OFFICIALS HAD INFORMED THE GOG THAT THEY WERE TALKING TO OTHER POTENTIAL EUROPEAN CONTRIBUTORS OF TROOPS, MOST NOTABLY [REDACTED] THEY WERE ALSO CONSULTING WITH THEIR EUROPEAN UNION PARTNERS.

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4. COMMENT: THE GOG'S REACTION TO THE FRENCH INITIATIVE SEEMS POSITIVE THUS FAR. [REDACTED]

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